

## **REMARKS**

### **I. Introduction**

New claims 49 to 54 have been added. No new matter has been added. With the cancellation of claims 2 to 11, 13 to 16, 18 to 27, 29 to 33, 38, and 41 to 48, claims 34 to 36 and 49 to 54 are pending, since claims 1, 12, 17, 28, 37, 39, and 40 were previously cancelled.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating, in the Examiner's Answer dated June 16, 2006, that claims 34 to 36 are allowed.

Reconsideration of the present application is requested.

### **II. Rejected Claims**

All of the rejected claims 2 to 11, 13 to 16, 18 to 27, 29 to 33, 38, and 41 to 48 have been canceled without prejudice, so as to obviate all the claim rejections.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in a continuation patent application. Further, any disclaimer that may have occurred during the prosecution of this application is expressly rescinded as regards any subsequently filed patent application.

### **III. New Claims 49 to 54**

New claims 49 to 54 have been added herein. It is respectfully submitted that new claims 49 to 54 do not add any new matter and are fully supported by the present application, including the specification. Each of independent claims 49 and 52 includes subject matter analogous to that of allowed claim 34. It is therefore respectfully submitted that claims 49 and 52, and their dependent claims, *i.e.*, claims 50 and 51, and claims 53 and 54, respectively, are allowable at least for essentially the same reasons as claim 34.

**IV. Conclusion**

It is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are in condition for allowance. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of the present application are therefore earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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